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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE

The relevance of the EP 0 243 003 (corresponding U.S. Patent No. 4797,255) and DE 198 18 224 references to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

An English abstract summarizing the disclosure of the German patent document is submitted herewith.

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	AA	U.S. 4,797,255					
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Document	Date	Country	Class	Sub-class	Translation Yes No
	AK	EP 0243003B1 -	1987	Europe			corresponding U.S. 4,797,255
	AL	DE 19818224A1	1999	Germany			Abstract
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